

30, 1131, the French King with his
 barons and
 prelates assembled to hear the case
 pleaded, The
 burning words of Bernard carried king,
 princes, and
 bishops away; the kingdom as well as
 the Church
 of France pledged itself to Innocent's
 cause, At
 Chartres the saint and Henry I. of
 England
 met. The latter with his bishops was
 inclined
 towards Anacletus, and doubted
 whether it were
 not sin to acknowledge Innocent;
 Bernard with
 ironic humour offered to take that sin,
 if such it
 were, on his own conscience, and
 Henry might
 answer personally for his other
 misdeeds, The
 eloquence and humour of the Abbot of
 Clairvaux
 made partisans of the kings of England
 and Prance j
 he next ttrned to win the reluctant
 Lothar, In
 March, 1131, the latter was at Liege
 with almost
 all his magnates and prelates,
 Innocent entered
 the city with Bernard and fifteen
 cardinal-priests
 or cardinal-bishops in his train,
 Though the
 old King did the Pope every honour ant!
 held his
 stirrup as he dismounted, the winning
 him to the
 Papal plans needed delicate handling,
 Ready to
 acknowledge Innocent, Lothar was
 disposed to
 make some capital from the situation?
 he

of reviving the right of Investiture over
which
Empire and Papacy had shivered over
half
a century. But the eloquence and
diplomacy of
Bernard and Norbert secured for
Innocent that
which he asked for and without any
concession; Lothar promised to the
back to Rome in the winter,